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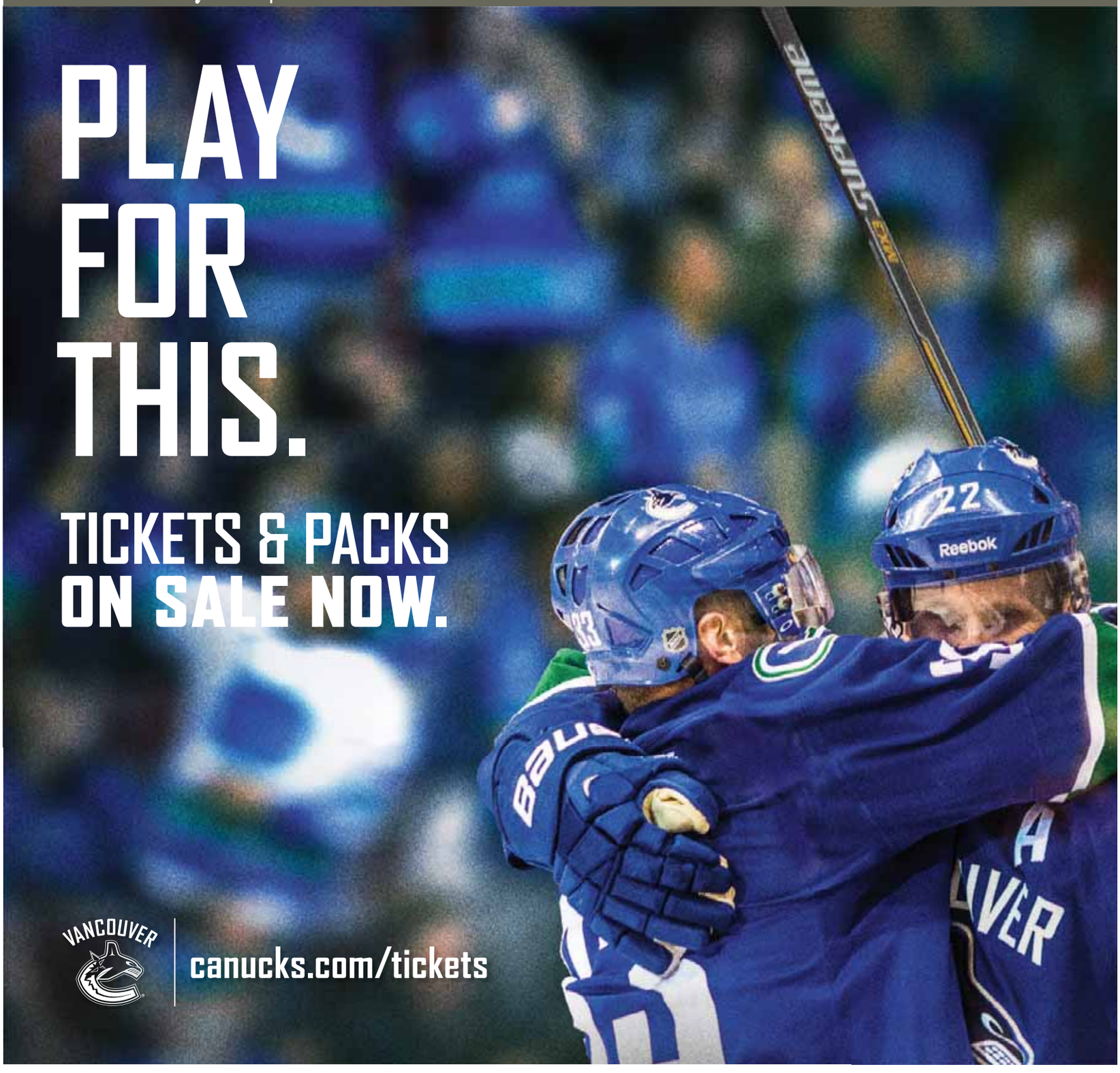

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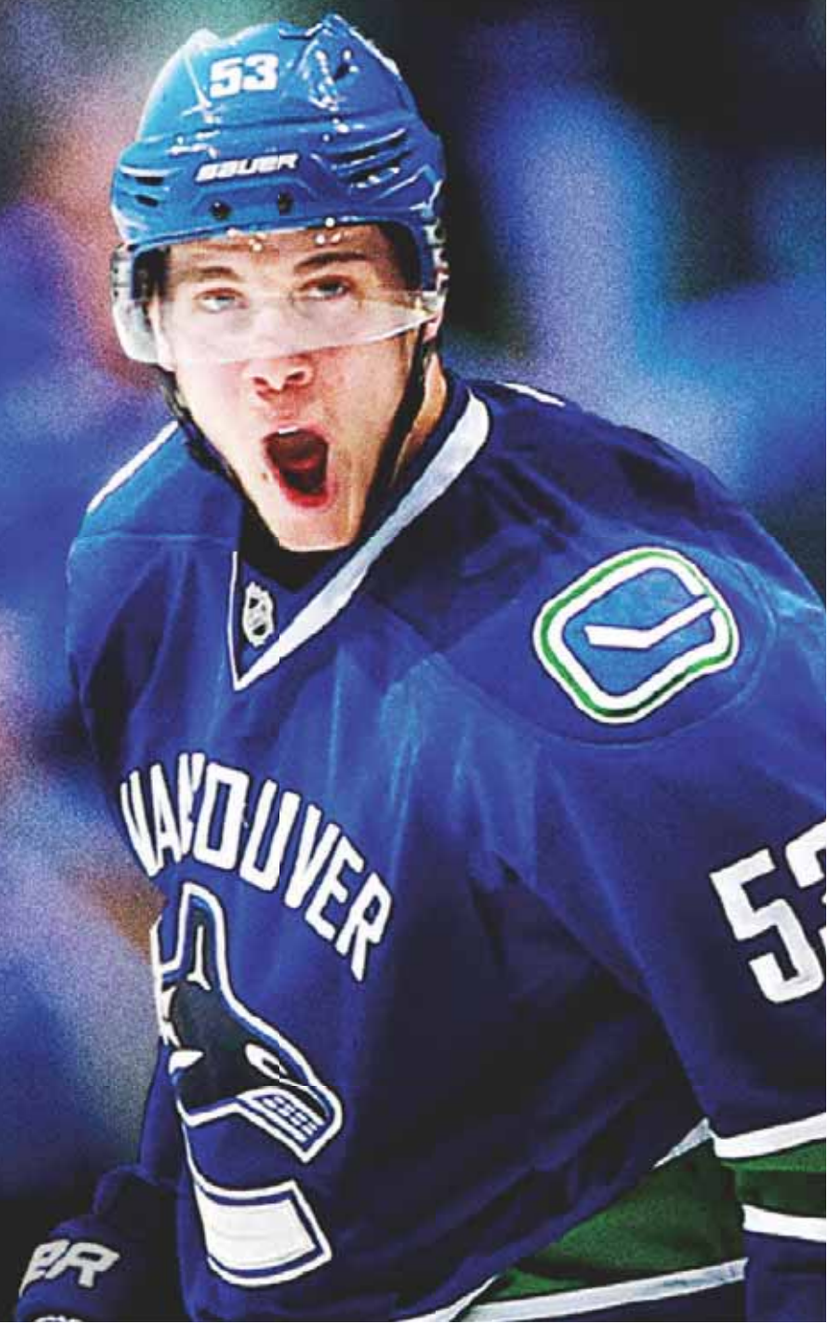

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Beloved Downtown Deer killed by car

WILDLIFE

Friendly young buck quickly rose to social media fame

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A young buck that had the city fawning over him when he wandered through downtown Vancouver in July has apparently been hit and killed by a car.

Police said they were called to the Vancouver end of the Lions Gate Bridge around 7:30 p.m. Sunday for a report of a deer that had apparently been struck by a car and killed.

Since the buck, nicknamed Downtown Deer, was the only deer recently observed in Stanley Park, biologist Nick Page said he believes it is likely the same animal.

"It was sad news to hear that Downtown Deer had died," Page told Metro. "Everyone wished there was a better outcome."

In July, the buck became a social media star, even sparking a spoof Twitter account, when he wandered through the streets of downtown Vancouver on a Tuesday morning, stopping traffic and capturing the attention of concerned onlookers.

Later that day, the animal moved into Stanley Park and fans spent the summer posting photos of the tame animal approaching tourists.

Page said he became concerned the deer may end up getting hit by a car after seeing photos on social media and videos posted on YouTube showing the animal walking along the Stanley Park Causeway.

When he heard that a deer had been killed Sunday evening, Page said he was saddened.

The B.C. Ministry of Forests said it was working with conservation officers to investigate what options were available to relocate the deer, but no solution was found before the animal was killed.

The ministry reminded people not to touch or take in orphaned fawns and other wildlife, as doing so often leads to tragedy.

"Because the deer was clearly habituated to humans, simply relocating it to the wild would not have been successful," the ministry said. "The deer would have either become a problem somewhere else or died due to being unable to fend for itself."

The young buck, nicknamed "Downtown Deer." YOUTUBE

While he was glad to see so many people excited about seeing urban wildlife, Page urged people to steer clear of the animals in the future.

He encouraged anyone interested in supporting the care of wildlife in the park to donate to the Stanley Park Ecology Society.

"We don't really want to turn wildlife into pets or mascots," he said.

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Drone store a target of thieves once again

CRIME

Manager not confident the police are doing enough

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Las Vegas-based drone retailer Drones Plus says its Vancouver location has been the target of thieves for the third time in two weeks.

The latest incident happened around 5 a.m. Sunday. Surveillance video captured two people backing a stolen vehicle into the front door of the store on West 4th Avenue near Pine Street in an attempt to break in. The would-be thieves failed to break through the security gates and abandoned the vehicle in the storefront, the company said.

"It's quite frustrating," store manager Frank King told Metro. "They didn't actually take anything. They just caused a lot of damage."

He said a witness who lives across the street told him a man and a woman were in the vehicle.

The attempted theft is just the latest in a string of incidents for Drones Plus.

Surveillance video captured people driving a stolen car into Drones Plus in an attempt to break in early Sunday, the third time criminals went after the store in two weeks. CONTRIBUTED

On Sept. 2, someone broke into the store and stole $15,000 worth of equipment and merchandise, including the personal camera of a store employee, who had her wallet and passport stolen during a brazen distraction theft the day before.

Earlier this month, Drones Plus spokeswoman Abi Wright said the company had experienced at least seven thefts in 12 stores in the U.S. and Canada.

She said the company believes the spike in burglaries is due to the rising popularity of drones.

"Though we have a chain of stores, each one of these burglaries affects us greatly," she said in an email. "It costs our company in more ways than just merchandise cost and affects our business on a personal level."

> **"Each one of these burglaries affects us greatly.**
> Abi Wright

Although Vancouver police responded when the store's security alarm went off early Sunday, King said he isn't confident that investigators are doing everything they can to track down the individuals targeting their store.

He said Drones Plus has provided surveillance footage to police that clearly shows the face of the man stealing a store employee's wallet and passport, as well as contact information of other business owners who claimed the same man has targeted them.

"Some people rang up and said they work in a liquor store downtown, and he comes in every single day, and they know him by first name, which we told the police," he said. "But they haven't been interested.... I suppose there's bigger things going on."

Police declined to comment on King's allegations, stating that they wouldn't discuss an ongoing investigation.

SURREY

Sedins give at-risk kids an assist

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Canucks' Sedin twins are giving at-risk children in Surrey a shot at after-school activities their families couldn't otherwise afford.

Henrik and Daniel Sedin will fund out-of-school program Clubhouse 36 at three schools for about 150 students between the ages of six and 12, the brothers announced Monday.

The program, which costs about $200,000 per year to run, has enough funding to last for three years. Run by Surrey Schools and the YMCA of Greater Vancouver, it offers programming two afternoons a week and full-day programming during spring and summer breaks.

During the pilot this summer at Holly Elementary, Lena Shaw Elementary and Georges Vanier Elementary schools, kids got the chance to learn about fishing, archery, golf, science and the arts, among other things. They also went on field trips to places such as the aquarium and zoo.

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Cabs join forces to get app

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Users can rate their drivers and pay using software

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver taxi companies have raised the stakes in their battle against Uber by, well, Uberizing their services.

The city's four downtown taxi companies joined forces through the Vancouver Taxi Association to get a smartphone app called eCab, according to a Monday news release.

It gives users access to the entire downtown taxi fleet and features Uber's most appealing perks — namely, the ability to rate your driver and to pay without pulling out your wallet and fumbling for cards or cash.

Much like Uber, eCab also lets users pinpoint their location on a map, see estimated pickup and arrival times and track taxis in real time. The app sends an alert when your cab arrives.

Unlike Uber, it does not have fluctuating prices depending on supply and demand.

Vancouver taxi companies are embracing new technologies in order to compete with Uber. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Passengers have the choice to pay with cash, credit card or through the app by signing up with a credit card in advance. They can also request vans or wheelchair-accessible taxis.

Vancouver is the first Canadian city to get the international app that is available in cities including Amsterdam, Paris, Brussels and Dublin, although the news release hinted that others will follow soon.

The innovation comes as the City of Vancouver grapples with how to deal with companies like Uber, which labels itself as a technology company that connects drivers and passengers rather than a transportation company.

Uber wants to try operating in Vancouver again after a failed attempt in 2012, but faces regulatory hurdles over safety standards.

Council placed a moratorium on issuing new taxi licences until Oct. 31 in order to re-evaluate ride sharing services and have roundtable discussions with industry players.

The taxi association does not want Uber in the city, based on previous statements to city councils and an attempt to stop Uber through the courts. It argues Uber is not a fair competitor because it doesn't follow as stringent safety and legal standards. Anyone with a driver's licence and insurance can sign up to be an Uber driver. The taxi association did not return an interview request for this story.

In an email, Uber spokesman Xavier Van Chau said the company is pleased to see innovation from any sector in the transportation industry.

"As more transportation alternatives become available, consumers and communities benefit as a whole, and Uber hopes to bring its technology to British Colombia soon, particularly as local residents remain underserved by reliable and affordable options," he wrote.

INQUEST

Family of dead diver calling for public inquiry

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

The family of a British army veteran whose body was found last month seven weeks after he went missing while scuba diving in British Columbia is calling for an inquest into the cause of his death and stricter legislation to regulate the province's dive industry.

Timothy Chu, 27, was reported missing July 5 after he failed to surface during a recreational dive in the waters near Race Rocks, southwest of Victoria. On Aug. 23, his body was found near the dive site.

On Monday, Chu's family released a statement calling for the BC Coroners Service to hold an inquest into the cause of his death. They also called for enhanced legislation to help regulate the dive industry in B.C., which they said is self-regulated.

According to the statement, the family said a month before Chu went missing, another diver and divemaster also went missing in the Race Rocks area. They were found alive drifting about two kilometres away.

On Monday, BC Coroners Service spokeswoman Barb McLintock said the coroner is still in the process of investigating the cause of Chu's death.

She said there will be a public report out on the death either through a coroner's report or an inquest.

Timothy Chu. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Judge hands former NHL player jail time, fine

A former NHL tough guy has been handed a conditional sentence, 45 days in jail and a $1,500 fine for separate assault and driving offences.

Rudy Poeschek pleaded guilty in May to one count of assault and three charges of driving while prohibited, connected to incidents that took place last year in Kamloops and Merritt, B.C.

Poeschek played for the New York Rangers, Winnipeg Jets, Tampa Bay Lightning and St. Louis Blues over a 12-season career that ended in 2001.

A judge in Kamloops handed Poeschek the six-month conditional sentence for assault and also banned him from driving or consuming alcohol for the same period.

The 45-day jail term for the driving offences will be served intermittently.

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Senior who died after crash identified

An 87-year-old woman has been named as the victim in a crash involving a train and ambulance in Langley, B.C., on Friday.

The BC Coroners Service says Helena Van Gool was a patient and was being driven from her seniors' residence to hospital when the accident happened.

She was flown to Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster and died later in the day.

The RCMP said on Saturday the ambulance driver had been released from hospital and a paramedic who was riding in the back of the vehicle was in stable condition.

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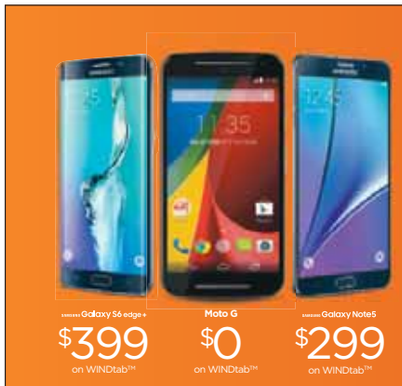

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Fiscal good news for Harper

ELECTION 2015

Balanced budget boosts Tory electoral prospects

Hard new numbers about the past performance of the economy gave way to crystal-ball gazing Monday on the campaign trail as the major party leaders all took a shot at forecasting the future.

For Stephen Harper, weeks of buffeting bad news was washed away by a report tallying the final budget bottom line for the last fiscal year: a surprise $1.9 billion surplus.

The timing of the 2014-15 surplus announcement from Finance Canada — the first after six consecutive budget deficits — couldn't be better for Harper, with the Conservative, NDP and Liberal leaders set to face off later this week in a Calgary election debate on the economy.

The shot of fiscal adrenaline had the prime minister in fine fettle at a Kamloops, B.C., campaign stop, where he brushed off the mild economic contraction that marked the first half of 2015 and asserted that robust growth and good budgetary times are ahead.

"I see zero to little risk that we will have anything other than a surplus for the second year in a row, based on the trajectory we are on," said Harper.

Across the country in Toronto, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau was looking at the same numbers and reaching a very different conclusion.

"Mr. Harper has put us in deficit this year. As for last year's numbers, we know and we saw Mr. Harper underspending and making cuts to Veterans Affairs, to Aboriginal Affairs, to seniors in the billions of dollars so that he could balance the books in time for his election."

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, meanwhile, called the 2014-15 surplus "good news for Canadians and it shows that the NDP's going to be starting off on the right foot by proposing to have a balanced budget, talking to Canadians about what we can accomplish together in health care (and) quality, affordable $15-a-day child care."

Economic forecasts by campaigning party leaders are notoriously self-interested and suspect.

Harper was spectacularly wrong in October 2008 with his election campaign prediction that if Canada was going to suffer a recession, it would have happened by then. He also vowed not to run deficits.

As it turned out, a devastating global economic meltdown was already underway and the Conservatives were already in deficit en route to a $55.6-billion shortfall in 2009-10 that was the largest in Canadian history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks to supporters Monday in Kamloops, B.C.
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$1.9 billion
The federal budget surplus for FY2014-2015.
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WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TUESDAY

- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Waterloo, Ont.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Calgary and Lethbridge, Alta.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Guelph, Ont.

Stephen Harper's itinerary was unavailable.

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Border checks up

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The flight

A number of countries rush to stem flow of migrants

Migrants at Hungary's crowded border crossings with Austria and Serbia faced fear and uncertainty Monday as several European Union countries beefed up border controls in a precedent that could gut the bloc's cherished principle of free movement among most of its nations.

While Hungarian police patrolled their border fence on horseback and workers uncoiled the razor-wire and steel mesh that would finish it, Austria, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and Slovakia all rushed to join Germany in tightening border controls.

The efforts created significant pressure points as the flow of people fleeing violence at home and trekking through the Balkans showed no sign of abating. "Hurry up! They're letting us through!" some shouted in Arabic at a checkpoint near Roszke, Hungary, as police blocked a rail line where thousands had entered the country, funneling the migrants to waiting buses.

Elsewhere, bottlenecks developed at the Austrian border town of Nickelsdorf, where a police spokesman said a main highway had to be closed because up to 10,000 migrants were crossing in from Hungary.

> **Hurry up! They're letting us through!**
> Person at a checkpoint near Roszke, Hungary

Germany's border checks also caused traffic jams Monday as long as 20 kilometres on highways in Austria.

German police said they will conduct rolling checkpoints on major roads coming from Austria but will not check every vehicle and driver for passports.

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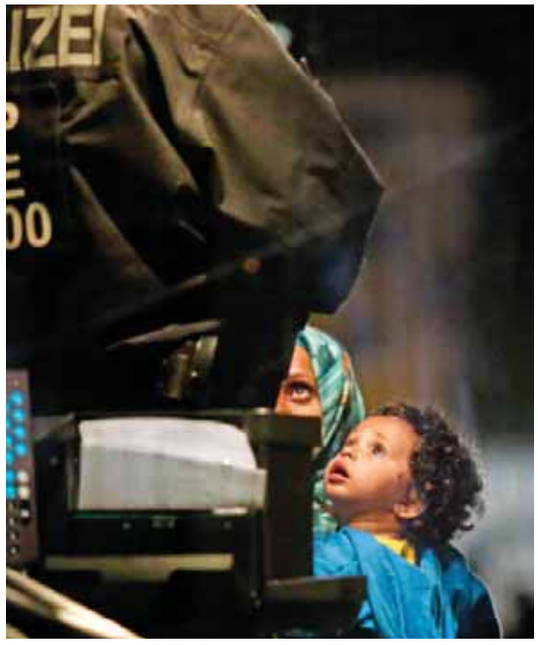

A woman and child look at a police officer as they board a bus after they were made to disembark a train in the southern German border town of Passau on Monday.

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SHOPPING

School supplies tab a drain on parents

For the Steinfelds, a family of six living in the Toronto area, buying school supplies for their daughter heading into Grade 1 wasn't as simple as shopping for a knapsack and a few pencils.

"Monster High pencils, My Little Pony erasers, Barbie-branded supplies is what she wants," says Daniel Steinfeld. "As the kids get older, they increasingly want what's 'cool'."

School supplies are just the onset of expenses that drain parents' pockets. Between lunches, clothes, extra-curricular activities and birthday parties, parents are likely to spend $3,000 to $4,500 a year, according to a 2013 Fraser Institute paper.

As children move into middle school and high school, expenses become more cumbersome, with cellphones and data charges added to the mix, says Sarah Widmeyer, head of Wealth Advisory Services for Toronto-based CIBC.

And more than 50 per cent of post-secondary students will end up asking their parents for additional financial support because they've run out of money, according to an August poll of 1,000 parents CIBC conducted.

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IN BRIEF

Feds balance the books

The federal government posted a surprise $1.9-billion surplus in 2014-15 — bringing the country's books back into balance a year earlier than expected, according to year-end figures released by the Finance Department Monday.

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EMMA TEITEL: ON MILLENNIALS AND MISTAKES

No greater deterrent exists to youth involvement in politics than the current obsession with who said what or did what on the Internet.

Would you pee into a coffee mug? And if that coffee mug belonged to a complete stranger, would you rinse it out in his or her kitchen sink sans dish soap?

Thanks to a federal election rife with bizarre scandal, these questions have been weighing on my mind lately. And I've come to an uncomfortable conclusion.

It's (remotely) possible that I, too, like Jerry Bance, the former Conservative candidate and former contractor caught urinating into a homeowner's coffee mug on CBC's Marketplace in 2012, might urinate one day in the wrong receptacle. Because like Bance and his contemporaries — Canadian political candidates who have erred on camera and online — I am a human being prone to strange stupidity.

Like Ala Buzreba, former Liberal candidate in the riding of Calgary Nose Hill who recently resigned from her post after it was revealed she made offensive comments on Twitter as a teen, I have written questionable things in a public forum (see this column).

Like Katherine Swampy, an NDP candidate running in Alberta's Battle River-Crowfoot riding, I have posted numerous regrettable photos and statements on Facebook. Swampy is in the hot seat this month for explicit comments she made on Facebook in 2011 and an Instagram photo — also outdated — in which her husband is seen pointing a gun the NDP has since claimed is a toy.

Mind you, unlike former Toronto-Danforth Conservative candidate Tim Dutaud (who, like Bance and Buzreba, has also dropped out of the race) I have never faked an orgasm on YouTube in the name of comedy. But tomorrow is another day.

It appears this election campaign is inextricably linked to a series of technology-driven scandals. And these scandals are disturbing not because they reveal a gross or grossly immoral streak in the political candidates involved, but because they foretell instant doom for anyone under the age of 30 who would like to get into politics.

CAREER DOWN THE TOILET **Like so many with indiscretions preserved online, former Conservative candidate Jerry Bance will forever be known for peeing in a homeowner's cup.**
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Millennials — boomerang kids, ingrates, whatever the current term is for people aged 18-33 — are not universally prone to peeing in the wrong places and tweeting obscenities.

But considering that our digital trail was spawned in preadolescence, chances are that at least one of us has done one or more of these things (and worse) at some point, and that these indiscretions have been preserved, like dinosaur DNA, for eternity.

From where I sit, no greater deterrent exists to youth involvement in politics than the current obsession with who said what or did what on the Internet, especially when you said or did it in a fifth-dimension bizarro world — i.e. high school.

Couldn't a 20-something would-be prime minister purge incriminating material of herself from the Internet? I recently found a video on Facebook, in which I am obviously drunk and attempting to sing a Dubstep remix of a Hilary Duff song — a video I had no idea existed (maybe because I don't remember it happening), a video I have tried and failed to erase, repeatedly.

Missteps like Swampy's and Buzreba's will likely increase tenfold when younger generations start running for politics.

The difference though, is that when they do, good candidates — not just nutty fringe ones — will have to step away from promising careers for no other reason than that they are normal people with social lives and an Internet connection. Which is a shame because none of us, save for the truly prudish, partisan or humourless, is genuinely incensed when someone makes a stupid mistake in a public forum — a mistake that injures no one but him or herself (except in the case of Jerry Bance and the homeowner who, let us pray, did not drink out of that mug).

We could hope, of course, that there are so many Internet-driven scandals in the future that they cancel each other out; when everyone's dirty laundry is waving in the air it's imprudent to tell the person next to you he smells bad. But in case they don't, I'd like to propose a new system whereby we judge candidates not by their past mistakes but by the nature of their repentance. Given the opportunity to make things right, do they apologize sincerely and even gracefully, or do they prove to be as clueless and obnoxious as their initial sins indicated?

Are they contrite, or do they double down the same way disgraced Hydro One employee, Shawn Simoes of #FHRITP notoriety did? Chances are, had Simoes apologized immediately after City reporter Shawna Hunt called him out for being a boor, instead of suggesting she was lucky she didn't have a vibrator in her ear, his public shaming would not have been nearly as devastating, nor deserved.

Whether we like to admit it or not, clean slates are extinct. Here's to second chances.

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YOUR RIDE

We need a serious talk about transit before election day

Karen Quinn Fung

Thirty-four days. That's how long until voting day for the federal election.

Want to see improvements in public transit and progress on transportation issues in Vancouver? Feel a little in the dark about which federal party's policies are going to get us there? I certainly do. And I don't think I'm alone.

The parties have mostly stuck to broad promises about what they'll do if elected. They throw out stats and dollar amounts; grandstand a bit about how their number is higher than what the other parties have committed. It clearly shows how much more they care about your tax money, your time, your environment, your job, a badly needed local project — and almost nothing else.

On one hand, all the parties on this topic face the same challenge: How little is generally known about the federal government's role in transit. It's hard to get specific when it seems like only policy wonks give a toss about how the transit-service sausage is made.

On the other hand, a little digging yields details on figures and precise mechanisms.

Thomas Mulcair and the NDP intend to redirect gas tax revenues to municipalities and dedicate $1.3 billion annually to transit for the next 20 years. For the Conservatives, it's a new public transit fund that ramps up over time to $1 billion by 2019. The Liberals want to encourage pension funds to invest capital in transit projects, and to dedicate $20 billion to transit over the next 10 years. The Green Party wants to transfer one per cent of GST revenues to municipalities.

But what does it all mean?

The dearth of insightful analysis during the election on transit has been deeply disappointing. For a topic that touches the seven in 10 Canadians who live in the 33 metropolitan areas directly affected by these potential investments, there is remarkably little scrutiny of what these promises really amount to.

It's not for a lack of trying. The Canadian Urban Transit Association's election blog is following statements from the parties about transit. More broadly, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (chaired by Vancouver councillor Raymond Louie) is seeking and tracking endorsements from federal candidates to the FCM's platform, which makes ample mention of transit.

But that's downright insufficient for an issue making our collective blood boil daily. Since this past spring's plebiscite, we seem sedately resigned to getting federal funding for our projects, and benignly uninterested in the details — at our peril.

Karen Quinn Fung writes on sustainable transportation issues and policy. Find her @counti8 on Twitter.

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Futuristic fantasy

Flesh-baring designs and technology rule at Chromat, a designer brand with fans like Beyoncé, Taylor Swift and Madonna

POWER PLAY

"We want to design clothes that a woman can run 10 blocks in," Chromat designer Becca McCharen said after the show.

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Models of all sizes strutted at the Chromat show at New York Fashion Week this past weekend, donning the line's signature pieces which include bikinis, dresses, sportswear and structured cages.

"We want to design clothes that a woman can run 10 blocks in. That's always the goal: To make people feel strong and that they can do anything," said designer Becca McCharen, who is also an architect. "It's always been strong, powerful women in every field and every body size, every gender spectrum."

Black, red, blue and white dominated the collection, which also featured pieces that used Intel technology to change the shape of the garment depending on various elements such as the body temperature.

"The collection was inspired by how we can use sportswear to power the body and how we can make the body stronger through clothes," said McCharen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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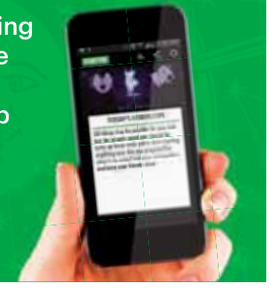

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Jason Wu puts his own spin on 1950s feminine

ON THE RUNWAY

Ruffles and fringe feature heavily in designer's show

Ruffles can be flouncy and fanciful, but they can also be understated and sophisticated, as they were for Jason Wu at his New York Fashion Week runway show.

The Taiwanese-Canadian designer — who's famous for producing both of Michelle Obama's inaugural gowns — went for muted colours like forest green, rust, and trusty old black, although he mixed it up with some bright fuchsia and shiny silver, too.

The show had a mid-century feel, inspired by both furniture and photographs of the period.

Wu also favoured fringe, as in his first garment down the runway — an elegant fringed coat in that deep forest green.

Backstage, Wu said he felt "very, very inspired" for this collection — by themes like mid-century furniture and the photographs of John Rawlings, a prominent fashion photographer who worked from the 1930s to the 1960s.

"I wanted to kind of put that forward in a modern way through my (own) lenses," he said.

Wu also noted that it was fun to be among the earlier shows at Fashion Week, which runs through Sept. 17.

"It's always good to be one of the first to show," he said. "I kind of feel like we kick the season off."

Among Wu's front-row fans on Friday: actress Patina Miller, a Tony winner for Pippin who's also featured in the CBS drama Madam Secretary and in the Mockingjay movies.

"I love that he just thinks of everything, you know?" said Miller, who was wearing a deep blue Wu creation.

"It's relaxed, it's beautiful, but it's always so chic and there's sort of a simple quality to the stuff that's really amazing, that I am drawn to. And I just think he gets it right."

Wu set up his label in 2006 but famously hit the big time when First Lady Michelle Obama wore one of his gowns to the inaugural ball in 2009.

Today his clothes are sold by more than 170 retailers worldwide, and worn by the likes of Oscar winners Reese Witherspoon and Julianne Moore, and model Christy Turlington.

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THE LOOK

An edgy take on glamour

Sophisticated style is what Jason Wu is all about.

Here are some of the highlights from his show:

- Wu called his collection "glamour" channeling the looks of the 1950s.
- Wu says he wanted a ruffle that wasn't overly "prissy" and paired the feminine look with frayed edges and fringing.
- Ruffles featured at the hems of skirts, on the shoulders and around the throat of his designs.
- Another standout was Wu's sharply tailored summer suiting with fringed micro shorts. AFP

Jason Wu's key colours were dark forest green, dark rust and a little bit of pink. ALL PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Schwarzenegger fired up over gig

We're getting less Donald Trump in our lives in at least one area, as the GOP front-runner is stepping down as host of The Celebrity Apprentice, with former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (Republican) set to replace him. No, seriously.

"I have always been a huge fan of The Celebrity Apprentice and the way it showcases the challenges and triumphs of business and teamwork," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "I am thrilled to bring my experience to the boardroom and to continue to raise millions for charity. Let's get started!"

In seven seasons, NBC said The Celebrity Apprentice has helped raise more than $15 million for charity. Trump made the show a success, with first regular folks and then celebrities competing in business-related tasks.

Obviously, Schwarzenegger needed something to do with all that time he'll have not making a sequel to Terminator: Genisys, but really, Arnold? This is where you want to plant your flag?

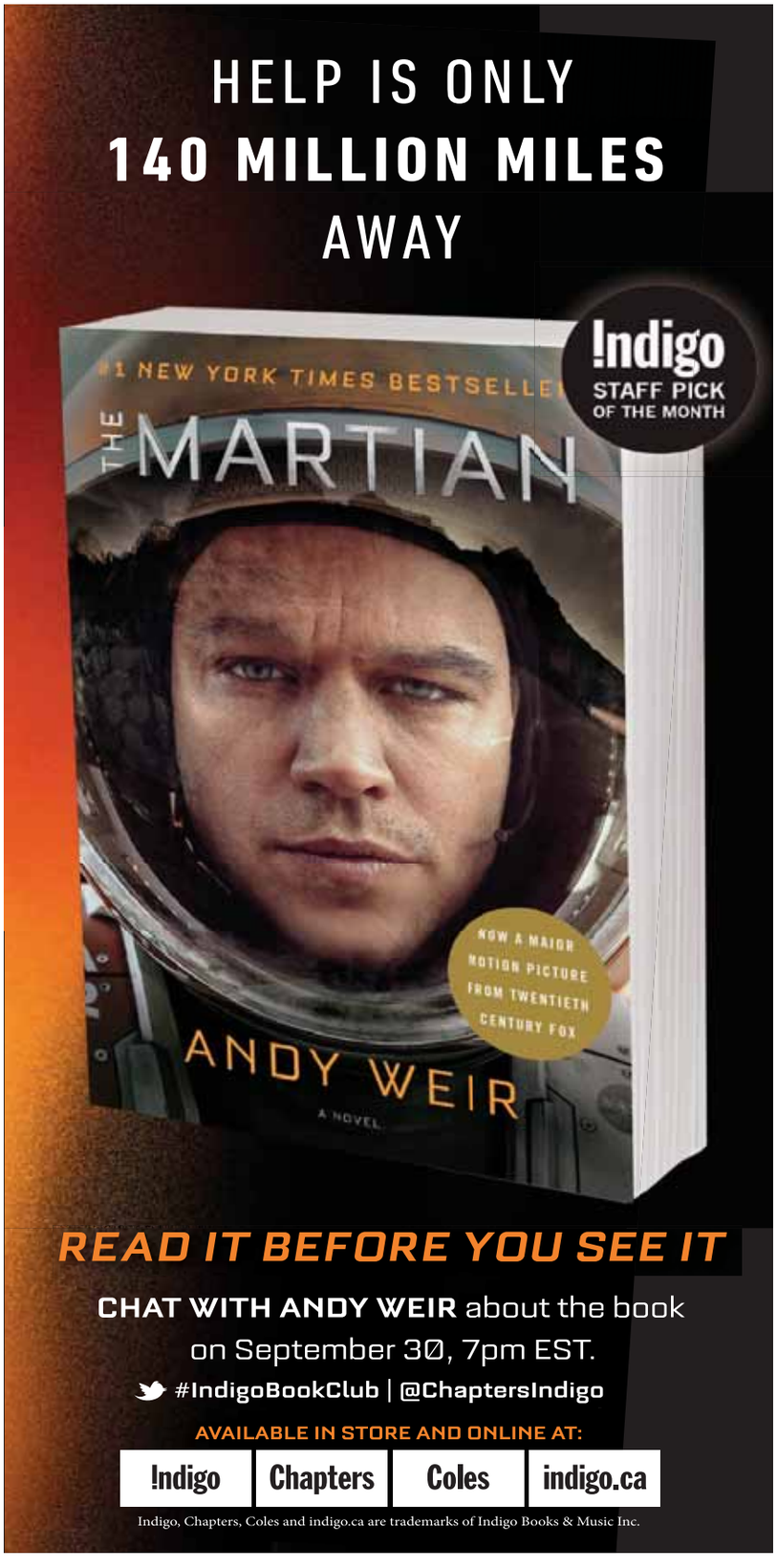
There's no word on whether Schwarzenegger will replace Trump's "You're fired" catchphrase with his own "You're terminated."

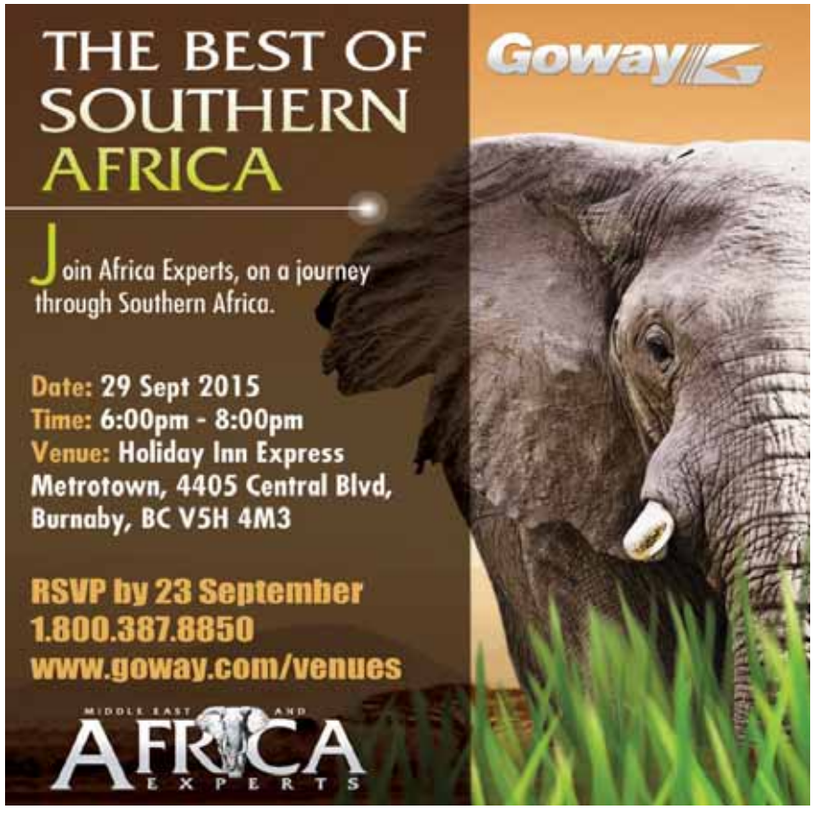
Meanwhile, Trump has been doing some dumping of his own. He has sold The Miss Universe Organization to talent management company WME/IMG only a week after he announced that he had bought out NBCUniversal's interest in the property, which includes the Miss Universe, Miss USA and Miss Teen USA pageants.

NBCUniversal's sale to the developer and GOP presidential front-runner completed a divorce begun in June when NBC said it was ending its business relationship with Trump, with whom it had been partnered in the pageant joint venture and who starred on the network's The Celebrity Apprentice.

The network decided to sever ties with Trump after comments he made about Mexican immigrants and other inflammatory remarks during his presidential campaign kick-off speech. NED EHRBAR WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Schwarzenegger in 1977. Just for fun. GETTY IMAGES





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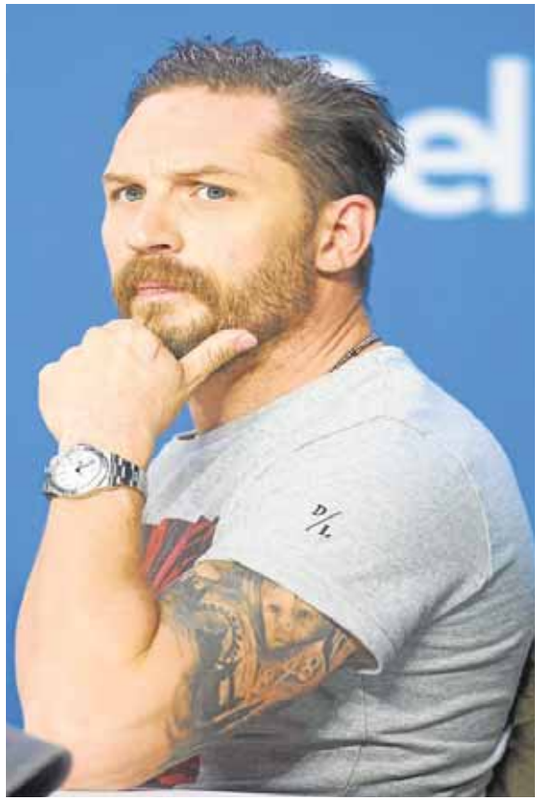


Tom Hardy is tired of all this talk about quotes of his in a gay magazine back in 2008 that many took as an admission that he's bisexual. Like, really, really tired.

Just look at how he reacts to a pesky reporter bringing up the topic once again at the Toronto International Film Festival press conference for his film Legend, in which he plays twin gangster brothers Ron and Reggie Kray — one of whom is gay.

"In the film, your character Ronnie is very open about his sexuality but given interviews you've done in the past, your own sexuality seems a bit more ambiguous," the reporter asked.

"Do you find it hard for celebrities to talk to media about their sexuality?" What followed was a bit of a tense back and forth. "What are you on about?" asked Hardy, before the journalist tried reiterating the question.

"I don't find it difficult for celebrities to talk about their sexuality. Are you asking me about my sexuality?" Hardy asked. "Why?" And then he capped it off with a curt "thank you."

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Ellen Page brings GF to TIFF

Ellen Page brought a date to the premiere of her new movie Freeheld on Sunday night in Toronto, marking the red-carpet debut for the Canadian actress and girlfriend Samantha Thomas. "I'm in love!" gushed Page to E! news about her relationship with Thomas, a multidisciplinary artist.

A photographer at the premiere remarked that Thomas' hand seemed fused to Page's back, and that every turn they made to the cameras they made in perfect sync. The petite actress also seemed much more at ease with Thomas by her side, and posed with her for quite a while before quickly allowing the photographers to grab a few shots of her solo. METRO

Thomas and Page on the red carpet at the Freeheld premiere. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

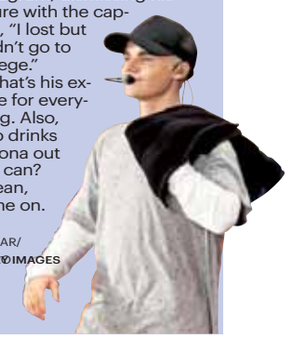
Bieber schooled by the pool

Get this boy a sippy cup!

Justin Bieber, noted for always having something to prove, is facing some public embarrassment for getting schooled by pal Sam Shahidi in a beer-shotgunning contest at a pool party in Las Vegas. Just typing out that sentence means I need to get myself checked for hepatitis C.

Never one to shy away from defeat, some people's favourite Canadian posted a video of the challenge to Instagram, dismissing his failure with the caption, "I lost but I didn't go to college."

That's his excuse for everything. Also, who drinks Corona out of a can? I mean, come on. NED EHRBAR/METRO



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AJA Trio tops among country's best in the chamber category

Daniel Hendriksen
For Metro

After winning several local and provincial competitions earlier this year, a group of musicians from Langley and White Rock has added a first place finish on the national scale to their accomplishments.

The AJA Trio is made up of Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) students Alexander Chernata (clarinet) and Andrea Pedro (piano), and 16-year-old high school student Julie Lin (violin). Earlier wins at the Kiwanis Fraser Valley International Music Festival, the 2015 Performing Arts B.C. Festival, and the 61st annual Young Musicians Competition set the stage for the group to compete at the recent 45th National Music Festival. Not unlike the local and provincial events, the AJA Trio took home first place in the chamber category at the national competition.

Dozens of Canada's best amateur musicians and groups performed at the annual National Music Festival.

Chernata, Pedro and Lin also made KPU history as the first group representing KPU to place first at the festival, of which Jane Hayes, KPU's director of piano studies, who has worked very closely with the group, is very proud.

"The AJA Trio news was definitely a music department highlight, not just for 2015, but for its history," Hayes said. "While we have had former students go on to receive prestigious honours, this award is a first for current students."

The AJA Trio — Andrea Pedro, left, Alexander Chernata and Julie Lin — at the 45th National Music Festival. CONTRIBUTED

Chernata and Pedro are both performance majors at KPU, while Lin is a Grade 11 student at White Rock Christian Academy. It was Lin's exceptional talent as violinist that earned her a place in the trio as a community member.

"For the trio, this is the kind of accomplishment which will remain in their memories for their whole lives," Hayes said. "The dedication and time commitment they've made results in beautiful sounding teamwork at the highest level. This really demonstrates the artistic strength of our students."

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Post-secondary education journey begins in style

Two of Simon Fraser University's (SFU) newest students are starting their post-secondary educational journeys in style. High school graduates Brendan Cottrell and Salina Kung are recent recipients of the prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarships.

Cottrell will receive $80,000 as part of an engineering scholarship, while Kung will receive $60,000. The two SFU students are among 50 Canadian high school graduates to receive the Schulich Leader Scholarships. Only those who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM courses) are eligible.

While in high school, Cottrell won several top student awards in mathematics and sciences. He was heavily involved in volunteering and even started his own tutoring network. He explained what the scholarship means to him in a media release.

"I am extremely grateful for the scholarship, as it provides me the opportunity to devote myself wholeheartedly to my schooling," said Cottrell, who graduated from Surrey's Elgin Park Secondary. "I am fortunate enough to pursue my passion for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) knowing that I will have financial security for the upcoming years."

Salina Kung. CONTRIBUTED

Brendan Cottrell. CONTRIBUTED

Upon her high school graduation, Kung earned an astounding grade point average of 99.5 per cent and won more than 25 student academic awards.

"I feel blessed to have earned this great opportunity to pursue my dream of becoming a neurosurgeon," said Kung, a graduate of Alpha Secondary in Burnaby. "I will continue to stay proactively involved in my community and help expand large-scale initiatives through creative campaigns and projects that will encourage others to step out of their comfort zones and try something new that will challenge them to think critically."

The Schulich Leader Scholarships were created by Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich in 2011. They are designed to encourage high school graduates to embrace STEM disciplines in their future careers.

Of the 50 scholarships awarded, 25 are worth $80,000 and the remaining 25 are worth $60,000.

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN

JIBC students embark on exchange

Daniel Hendriksen
For Metro

Two Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) students have been afforded the opportunity to study abroad as part of an exchange program.

Connie Marginson and Jaymi Kuniss, both enrolled in JIBC's law enforcement studies diploma (LESD), will spend the rest of the school year at the Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) in Ireland.

Marginson and Kuniss are recipients of the LESD international exchange scholarship. The initiative is supported by JIBC Foundation and the Irving K. Barber One World International Scholarship administered by the Victoria Foundation.

According to LESD co-ordinator Steve McCartney, JIBC students who have returned from WIT come back with a greater level of independence and self-confidence that not only enhances their academic learning, but contributes to the realization of their career goals.

JIBC students Connie Marginson and Jaymi Kuniss. CONTRIBUTED

"Given there are different law enforcement career paths available to LESD graduates, this exchange program provides a meaningful opportunity to gain a different perspective and help them choose the path that's best for them," McCartney said in a media release. "It's rewarding to know that each student that has participated in the exchange program has returned with a stronger desire to make a difference in the community."

JIBC and WIT have been in partnership since 2013, allowing for student exchange opportunities for law enforcement and criminal justice students studying at both institutions. To learn more about JIBC and/or WIT, visit jibc.ca or wit.ie.

NEW CHAIR TO HELP ARTHRITIS RESEARCH

Biostatistician Dr. Hui Xie is the new Maureen and Milan Ilich/ Merck chair in statistics for arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases. Xie's appointment was recently announced by Simon Fraser University (SFU) and Arthritis Research Canada (ARC).

Xie will work at ARC and the faculty of health sciences at SFU. Teaming up with arthritis researchers, the goal of the $4-million chair is to develop statistical methods that improve the evaluation of arthritis treatments and programs. Another focus of the chair is to enhance risk-factor identification for arthritis, and to improve the usability of large medical and administrative databases.

John O'Neil, SFU dean of the faculty of health sciences, spoke in a media release and said it is beneficial to have Xie and the best biostatistical advice available.

"We are very fortunate in recruiting Dr. Xie, an outstanding scholar at the cutting edge of advancing statistical methods in the analysis of large datasets," O'Neil said. "These skills will enhance the research excellence at SFU and contribute to finding solutions that will alleviate the prevalence of arthritis, one of the most common and costly chronic conditions in Canada."

Dr. Hui Xie. CONTRIBUTED

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Facilitated from Alliance Francaise de Vancouver's newest location, the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews in Yaletown), the lunchtime classes will cover speaking, interacting, listening, reading and writing. They will also provide learners with intercultural insight and tools for business in French.

"Because the lunchtime course is geared towards business people, you'll learn things like writing emails to co-workers or answering the phone in a professional manner," Morin says.

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WorkBC, which helps people navigate the province's labour market, recently listed program leaders and instructors in recreation, sport and fitness among the top-60 in-demand careers in British Columbia.

Now, Vancouver Community College (VCC) is offering a continuing studies program to get you into the field in as little as 18 months.

"This program is very industry driven, with employers telling us what they want to see in graduates," says Jennifer Gossen, the program co-ordinator of the sport and recreation management certificate offering.

"Everything they told us, we built into the curriculum so students obtain the skills that will get them employed."

Consisting of 11 core courses, the program focuses on teaching students to plan activities, manage events and develop media strategies. Students also gain practical business, human resource, ethics and financial skills from instructors who are professionals currently working in the field.

"Of course, there is theory involved but the offering is very much based on practical learning," Gossen says.

"There will be lots of case studies, group projects and collaborative activities, guest speakers and a practicum."

The on-the-job experience occurs once a student has completed all of the courses and, Gossen says, it is an opportunity to apply their newly acquired knowledge and maybe even find employment.

"Employers want people who have a solid foundation. We not only give students the skills to enter, but also to advance in sport and recreation management."

Once students graduate from VCC, they are prepared to work in positions such as sport or recreation manager, program leader, program co-ordinator, and event and marketing co-ordinator.

With courses starting at the end of this month and open registration, Gossen says there is still time to enrol in sport and recreation management. And thanks to a flexible learning format, students can complete the program at their own pace.

"It's possible to graduate from the program in 18 months and we recommend that it takes no more than three years," Gossen says. "Because the program is offered in the evenings and most continuing studies students are adult learners with jobs, the skills they learn can be applied immediately."

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GET ACTIVE AND MEET NEW PEOPLE

As post-secondary students begin a new school year many are looking to join recreation and sports activities.

Schools across the country offer a variety of intramural programs, competitive sports teams, recreation and health and wellness activities.

Registration for the University of Ottawa's highly popular intramural program is expected to attract 8,000 participants this year.

University of Ottawa assistant manager of the intramural program Kayla Herdman says one out of every six students at the university participate on an intramural team.

"We have flag football, ice hockey, dodgeball, soccer and many more, and they are all highly popular and registration often sells out after the first few days," she says. "It's a great way for first-year students to meet new people who have like-minded interests and it gives them a chance to stay healthy and active."

University of British Columbia (UBC) recreation marketing and communications co-ordinator Amy Gibson says post-secondary sports and recreation activities boost the quality of campus life for students.

"We like to say it's a great way to make new friends and lasting memories, but it also rounds out your university experience and relieves the stress that goes with university life and makes it easier to focus on your studies," Gibson says.

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UBC offers traditional sports and recreation activities, but is also known for its unique events, including October's Day of the Longboat, where 3,000 students hit Jericho Beach to paddle in the largest voyageur canoe race in the world. "It's one of our largest and most popular events and everybody has a blast," Gibson says.

Many universities and colleges across Canada also offer drop-in and fitness classes as part of tuition fees. For example, the University of Ottawa offers free drop-in for Zumba fitness classes, yoga and also offers registration for spin classes and kick-boxing on campus.

"I think students really benefit from having the fitness centre right in the university and it gives them a chance to stay active without having to leave campus," Herdman says.

Every university or college has a recreation centre or program so students are encouraged to seek out more information at their respective schools.

– Krista Sylvester

Real-life training provides greater options

Trades workers depend on hands-on training to learn, develop, and adapt their skills in a real-world setting before entering the field.

An essential part of technical training programs is to ensure that students are able to practise in a realistic setting such as well-equipped labs and practicum placements, which will become imperative to the student's success in the field.

"Hands-on classes were great," says Travis N., a graduate from Vancouver Career College's construction electrician foundation program. "You were actually able to go into the work and practise what you were going to be doing for the rest of your life."

"The innovative part of our classrooms is that we deal with a lot of hands-on training," says program graduate Nicholas L. "I feel that by taking this course, I actually have more options in the future."

As part of the Red Seal Program — the Canadian standard of excellence in a designated skilled trade — aspiring construction electricians must first complete the required technical training, preferably with an institution that is a recognized designated trainer by the Industry Training Authority (ITA). Credits from the training can be counted towards their apprenticeship.

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"It's a good time to apply," says Tom Brown, the academic director of the part-time program. "This offering is part of a long tradition of seeing what the community's needs are and responding to them."

Facilitated from SFU's Surrey campus, located adjacent to the Surrey Central SkyTrain station and transit bus loop, the program — in part to its accessibility — is drawing a range of learners.

"That bridge makes our downtown campus a long way away for people who live in the Valley, but having our program in Surrey attracts people from the whole region," Brown says. "These are people in their early to mid-careers, who have jobs and want to keep working while attending school."

And, Brown says, because students maintain jobs during their time in the offering, it allows for a real-world perspective to permeate their studies.

"Because you learn while getting experience in your company, there's this opportunity to take what you learn in the classroom today and apply it to your organization tomorrow," he says. "By the same token, students bring real-life problems from work to class, so assignments are often real-life issues. Organizations' problems get considered and solutions are found."

While the offering employs traditional MBA elements such as case studies, it also puts a great focus on experiential and collaborative learning, Brown says, with students getting to partake in hands-on applications such as a business simulation.

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"The business simulation sees students take on management responsibilities, move around the roles of the company and have to make decisions quickly and carefully," Brown says. "It's great insight for students into their strengths and gaps, and reflects the powerful practical experience that is the part-time program."

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"The online option allows students to achieve their goals without putting the rest of their lives on hold," Victoria Martin says of the option, which is entering its third year.

"Courses are structured in a way that doesn't require students to be online at any particular time and allows them to complete their work from anywhere that has an Internet connection."

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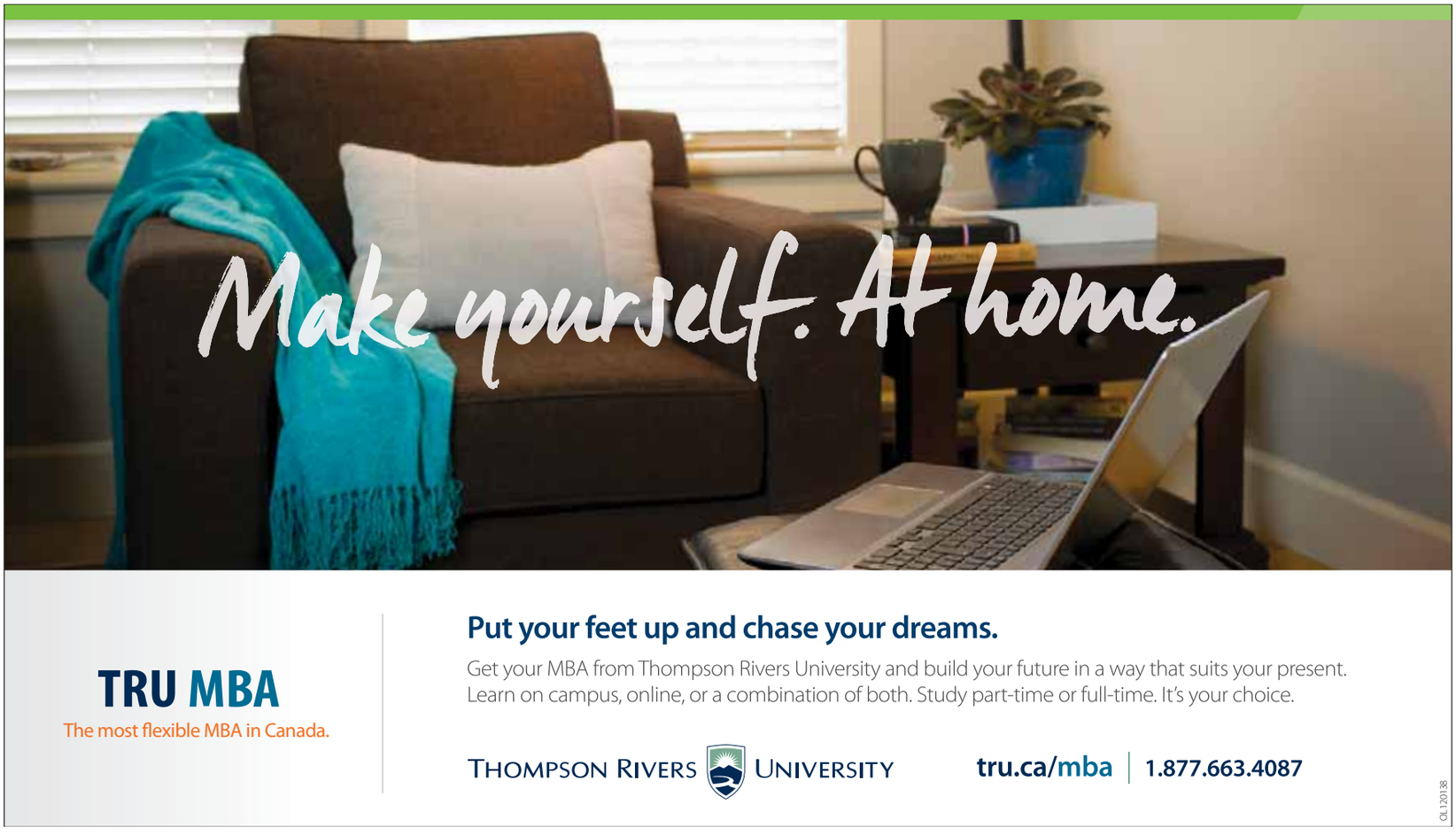
The online version of the program, Martin says, will appeal to anyone who wants to pursue an MBA but isn't able to commit to coming to campus. And just because these students don't physically attend class does not mean they get a different education than those who do.

"A lot of students who choose the online offering appreciate that it is same curriculum, same academic rigour and results in the same degree as on-campus," Martin says. "While online courses can't fully replicate an in-class experience, we make it as interactive as possible. Students are required to work in virtual teams with other MBA students to complete assignments, partake in group discussions, and we even live stream events that happen on campus for them."

In keeping with the on-campus structure as much as possible, online MBA courses follow a campus-based semester with fixed start and end dates, as well as fixed assignment due dates. Students can work ahead in their studies, but their exams are held at the end of the semester. And while other schools require online students to venture on campus to write final exams, TRU makes the process a lot more convenient.

"While students do have to write their exams in person, we actually schedule exams for them at a testing centre near them," Martin says. "So the program can truly be completed completely by distance and there's no need to attend on campus."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Desjardins eager to get back behind bench: GM

CANUCKS

Head coach underwent hip surgery recently

Cam Tucker
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Willie Desjardins is expected to miss the Canucks' first exhibition game against the San Jose Sharks on Sept. 21 in Victoria.
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Much like a player trying to get back in the lineup as soon as possible from injury, Willie Desjardins is aching to get back behind the bench following hip surgery.

The Vancouver Canucks head coach recently had the operation. The club issued a statement saying the surgery was a success and it was expected Desjardins would return for the start of the 2015-16 season next month.

That's still the plan, according to general manager Jim Benning, who added Desjardins is expected to return behind the bench at some point during the pre-season.

It's expected he'll miss the team's first exhibition game against the San Jose Sharks on Sept. 21 at The Q Centre in Victoria.

Benning didn't absolutely rule out the possibility of Desjardins making the trip up to Prince George for the opening weekend of training camp, however, it seems highly unlikely that will happen.

"He's doing better and better every day," Benning told reporters Monday.

"I just talked to him (Monday) afternoon and he's trying to convince me he's ready to go up to Prince George. I said we'll just see how it goes these next few days. He's feeling better. He's doing therapy so we'll see where he's at.

"We don't know that for sure. He's trying to convince me he should be going. We'll just see how he is the next few days."

Desjardins has not been in Penticton for the Canucks' Young Stars tournament, but has been keeping up with the events at the South Okanagan Events Centre via the team's live stream of games.

"When I call him after the game to give him the update, he gives me the update. He's not missing a beat," said Benning.

The Canucks will be working mostly on systems during their time in Prince George, and it's expected Desjardins will be involved once the club returns to Vancouver, said Benning.

"I don't know when he'll be ready to start coaching but I don't think it'll be too long after that."

OVERTIME

3-on-3 play excites crowd

Monday's Young Stars game between Vancouver Canucks prospects and Calgary Flames prospects was decided with 3-on-3 overtime, a format the NHL will use this season.

Vancouver 2014 first-round draft pick Jake Virtanen scored the winning goal on a breakaway, capping a thrilling back-and-forth extra period that featured odd-man rushes and scoring chances aplenty.

"It was exciting. I think that's why they put it into the game," said coach Travis Green. "I don't think you'll see a lot of shootouts."

McDavid hit shows Virtanen's intent

Michael Ferland hit everything that moved in the Calgary Flames' first-round playoff win over the Vancouver Canucks last season. Jake Virtanen took notice from afar.

"He was in the guys' heads," Virtanen said of the bruising Flames forward. "He was a big factor in that win just being physical, wearing guys down."

The sixth overall pick at the 2014 draft, Virtanen wants to bring a similar style — as well as his scoring touch — to the NHL this season with the Canucks, who could be in need of both after many Western Conference teams reloaded this summer.

Jake Virtanen
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The 19-year-old demonstrated some of that physicality at the Young Stars rookie tournament, levelling Edmonton Oilers phenom Connor McDavid and defenceman Darnell Nurse with crunching checks on Friday night.

"I know (McDavid) pretty well," Virtanen said with a smile. "It's pretty funny. I told him I was going to give it to him when I saw him in Toronto a couple of weeks ago."

The six-foot-one 212-pound winger from Abbotsford missed the beginning of last season because of shoulder surgery, but still managed to put up 52 points (21 goals, 31 assists) in 50 games with the WHL's Calgary Hitmen before adding 13 points (five goals, eight assists) in 14 playoffs outings. Virtanen then joined the AHL's Utica Comets, recording one assist in 10 post-season games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCCER

World Cup qualifying runs through BC Place Stadium

The Canadian men's soccer team, in its bid for a spot in the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia, will make its return to Vancouver this fall.

Canada will host Honduras at BC Place Stadium on Nov. 13 for the first of six matches in the CONCACAF Round 4 qualifying stage, as per an announcement from the national soccer association Monday in Vancouver.

This past summer, Canada's women's soccer team garnered massive crowds at BC Place in its unsuccessful attempt to capture the FIFA Women's World Cup, which eventually ended up in the hands of the U.S. team before an ecstatic following of fans that travelled to Vancouver.

The game between Canada and Honduras will take place on the stadium's recently upgraded artificial turf surface, and the plan is for the roof at BC Place to remain open for the mid-November match, said Peter Montopoli, general secretary for Canada Soccer.

"The (seating) configuration will be a lower-bowl configuration to start," said Montopoli during a press conference.

"But certainly … with some excitement here and passion in the community we can certainly open it up in the upper bowl."

In the latest round of qualifying, in which Canada advanced past Belize, a pair of Whitecaps players were part of the red and white squad, including midfielder Russell Teibert and defender Sam Adekugbe.

The fourth round of qualifying runs from November to next September. Canada will play in Group A, which also includes El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico. Canada will face each nation from its group twice in a home-and-away format.
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MLB

A-Rod, Heathcott steal late Yanks win

MONDAY In Florida

4	1
YANKEES	RAYS

Alex Rodriguez had a tying, two-out RBI double in the ninth and Slade Heathcott followed with a three-run homer, leading the New York Yankees to a 4-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

The victory moved the Yankees within three-games of AL East-leading Toronto.

Erasmo Ramirez held the Yankees hitless until Carlos Beltran led off the eighth with a hot shot that took a short-hop off first baseman Richie Shaffer and went into right field.

In the bottom half Tampa Bay snapped a scoreless tie, ending its 21-inning run drought on Logan Forsythe's RBI double. The Yankees, though, rallied in the ninth. Down to their last out, Brett Gardner was walked by Brad Boxberger (4-10) on four pitches and stole second. Then Rodriguez tied Craig Biggio for 21st place all-time with his 3,060th hit.

Heathcott homered after Brian McCann was intentionally walked, setting off a raucous celebration in the New York dugout. Caleb Cotham (1-0) got the final out in the eighth for his first big league win before Andrew Miller pitched the ninth to pick up his 33rd save.

Ramirez allowed just the one hit, walked two and had six strikeouts in 7-2/3 innings.

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NFL

Seattle coach Carroll says Seahawks 'never should have lost' to St Louis

Pete Carroll tried to provide answers Monday to all the questions that arose from Seattle's surprise season-opening loss. They weren't easy to come by.

Despite an incorrectly executed kickoff to start overtime, giving up eight pass plays of 20 yards or more, blowing coverage in the final minute of regulation that allowed St. Louis to pull even, or the inability to get 1-yard on their final offensive play yet again,

Carroll said the Seahawks "never should have lost that game."

"We had plenty of chances and opportunities to take the game in command and we didn't seize those opportunities," Carroll said.

The 34-31, overtime setback to St. Louis was the third time in Carroll's tenure the Seahawks dropped their season opener, but those losses lacked many of the questions that arose from this one.

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Jones helps Falcons soar above Eagles

NFL

Hot receiver picks up from last season with pair

MONDAY In Atlanta

26	24
FALCONS	EAGLES

Julio Jones had 141 yards receiving and two touchdowns, Matt Ryan shook off a pair of interceptions, and the Atlanta Falcons came back to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 26-24 Monday night after squandering a 17-point halftime lead.

Ricardo Allen's interception off a deflected pass sealed the victory with 1:11 remaining, giving Dan Quinn an upset victory in his first game as Falcons coach. The Eagles missed a chance to go ahead when Cody Parkey missed a 44-yard field goal with 2:27 to go.

"Our defence stepped up at the end of the game," Ryan said. "Ricardo has worked so hard."

Coming off the best season of his career and with a lucrative new contract, Jones dominated the Eagles' revamped secondary as the Falcons raced to a 20-3 halftime lead. It could have been even more if not for Kiko Alonso's dazzling one-handed interception while falling backward in the end zone.

Ryan had another interception on the first possession of the second half, turning the momentum in Philadelphia's favour. The Atlanta quarterback finished 23 of 34 for 298 yards.

Sam Bradford, in his first regular-season game in nearly two years and making his debut for the Eagles, was 36 of 52 for 336 yards. But Philadelphia's much-hyped running game, led by newcomer DeMarco Murray, was largely a bust.

After leading the NFL with more than 1,800 yards rushing in Dallas last season, Murray was held to nine yards on eight carries. Ryan Mathews had only four yards, while Darren Sproles led the way with 50 yards on the ground.

Coach Chip Kelly's up-tempo offence looked unstoppable in the pre-season but bogged down in the first half against the fired-up Falcons, who hope the energetic Quinn can turn things around from a 10-22 showing the last two seasons under Mike Smith.

Other than a 69-yard drive that led to a field goal, the Eagles generated just 56 yards on their other seven first-half possessions. Jones, on the other hand, was unstoppable hauling in eight passes for 97 yards before halftime, including touchdowns of four and 22 yards. The Eagles clamped down in the second half, but Jones finally got loose for his only catch after the break — a 44-yarder that set up Matt Bryant's winning field goal from 47 yards with 6:27 left. Bryant also connected from 41, 39 and 44 yards. It didn't take long for the Eagles to capture the momentum after halftime.

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Falcons receiver Julio Jones scores a touchdown against the Philadelphia Eagles during the first half at the Georgia Dome on Monday in Atlanta. KEVIN C COX/GETTY IMAGES

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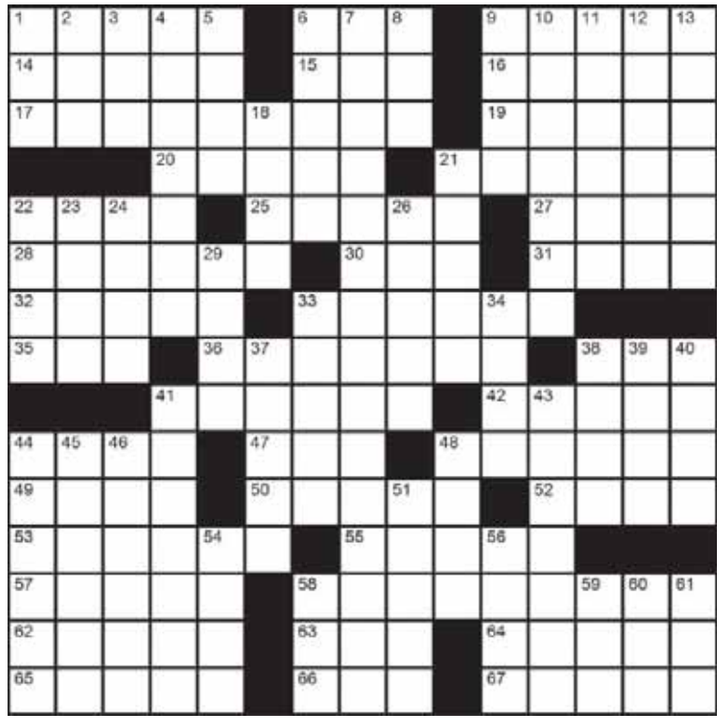

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63. Wonderment
64. Skincare brand
65. 'Fire Music': Current album by Canadian hard rock band __ Jones
66. '60s hallucinogen
67. Shapewear brand

DOWN
1. Mount
2. The Princess and the __
3. Lady's love
4. Springy stuff in skin
5. Pretzel particle
6. Anoint, olde-style
7. What the NWT community of Deline became known as after men from there (who worked as porters for the uranium mine at Port Radium during WWII) died from cancer: 3 wds.
8. Mr. Gore's
9. Opposing
10. Full skirt styles
11. 'L' of MLB
12. The Hollies' "Jennifer __"
13. Check once more
18. Cheerful tune
21. Prance
22. Additionally
23. __-Carotene
24. By any chance
26. "Crazy" singer Ms. Cline
29. Ruptured
33. Sales pitch
34. Currency in Chile
37. Norwegian playwright Henrik
38. Fodder structure
39. "Count __ __ a blessing."
40. Greyish
41. Malefic magic man, maybe
43. __-__ shower mat
44. Shortened, as pants
45. Egypt: Ancient cuneiform excavation site near the Nile River
46. Lily Munster's hubby
48. Cat call
51. Considered
54. "For __ __ be Queen o' the May, mother..." - Tennyson
56. Criminal associations
58. Li'l dietary number
59. U.S. gov. radio service
60. 'East' suffix
61. "__ and the City"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You may be convinced that a course of action is correct but the strength of someone's opposition will make you second guess it. Maybe you should give it a bit more thought.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
An opportunity to improve a partnership or relationship could be missed. Focus on it to the exclusion of everything else. Career issues and money matters may seem important but in the greater scheme of things they don't count for much.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you have a favour to ask, now is the time. Everyone wants to help you today. You would be foolish not to take advantage of it.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If what you previously thought was a brilliant idea has come to nothing, abandon it. You may be tempted to give it another go but is it worth it? Probably not.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A light-hearted approach is called for today, especially if you tend to get uptight about things over which you have no control. Whether you laugh or cry the outcome will be the same.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will find it almost impossible to get started today. For a workaholic like you this may be worrying but remember, it's not the quantity of work you get done that matters but the quality. Do just one thing really well.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something you thought was a permanent part of your world will disappear today but there is no need to feel sad. By creating space in your life you will encourage something even better to come in and fill it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be unaware that someone is annoyed with you but you're about to find out. If a loved one or work colleague gives you a hard time today — was it something you said or did?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try not to be so self-critical. If something has not worked out the way you expected it to, well, that's just the way it is. You may have failed but it's all good experience.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Jupiter in the wealth area of your chart puts you in a strong position where finances are concerned. If a deal has to be made you should be the one calling the shots — and making the most profit.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A disappointment may be hard to take but the pain will fade eventually. There are still plenty of things that inspire you, so pick one and throw yourself at it body, mind and soul.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
There are so many serious things going on around you that others are unlikely to be in the mood for fun and games. That's okay, you can entertain yourself well enough.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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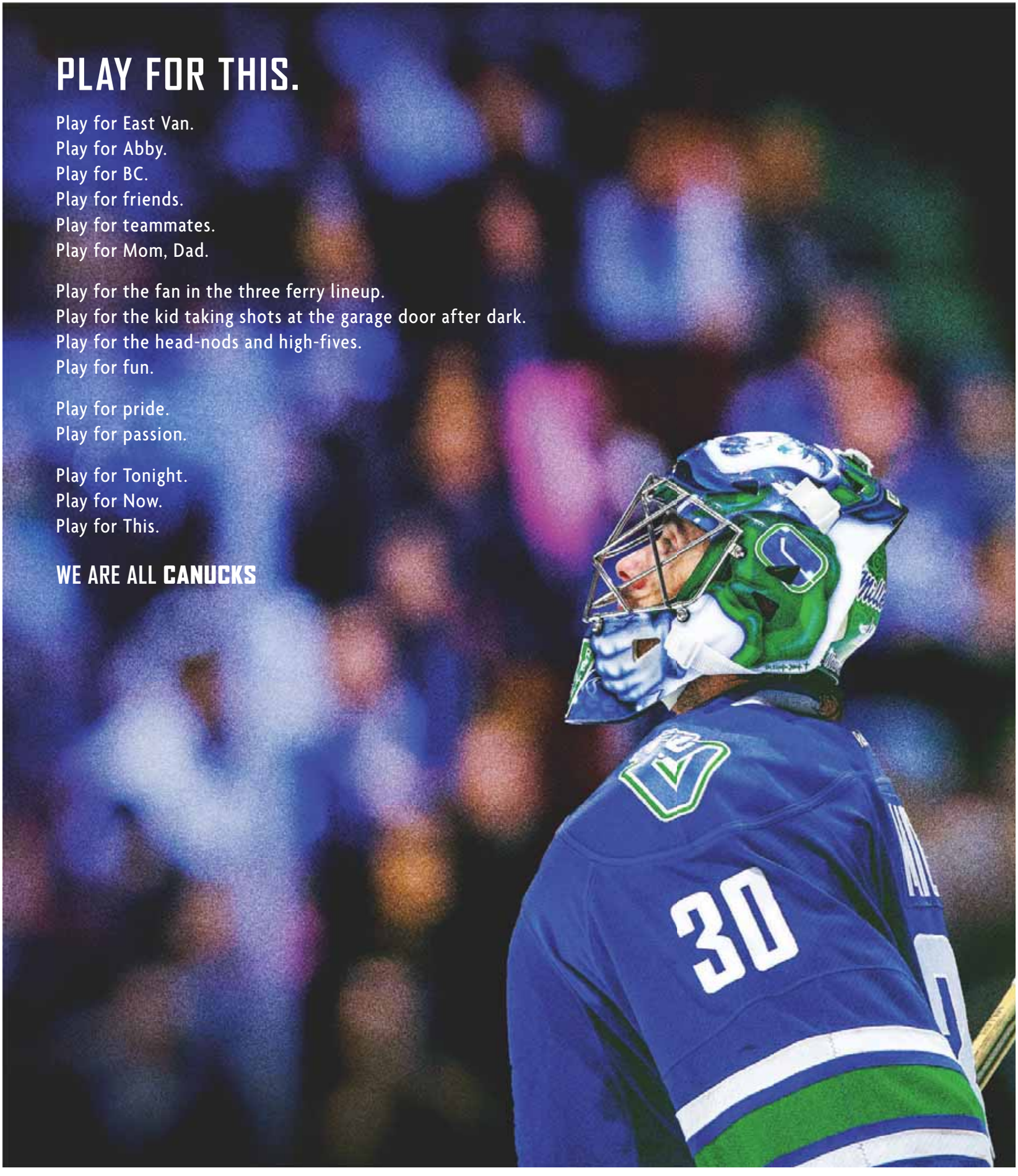

PLAY FOR THIS.

Play for East Van.
Play for Abby.
Play for BC.
Play for friends.
Play for teammates.
Play for Mom, Dad.

Play for the fan in the three ferry lineup.
Play for the kid taking shots at the garage door after dark.
Play for the head-nods and high-fives.
Play for fun.

Play for pride.
Play for passion.

Play for Tonight.
Play for Now.
Play for This.

WE ARE ALL CANUCKS

VANCOUVER CANUCKS 2015.16 SCHEDULE

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SEPTEMBER

PS DENOTES PRE-SEASON GAMES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 SJ* PS 7:30	22 SJ PS 7:00	23	24	25 CGY PS 6:00	26 CGY PS 7:00
27	28 ARI PS 7:00	29 SJ PS 7:30	30			

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 EDM PS 6:00	2	3 EDM PS 7:00
4	5	6	7 CGY 7:00	8	9	10 CGY 7:00
11	12 ANA 7:00	13 LA 7:30	14	15	16 STL 7:00	17
18 EDM 6:00	19	20	21	22 WSH 7:00	23	24 DET 7:00
25	26	27 MTL 7:00	28	29 DAL 5:30	30 ARI 7:00	31

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 PHI 7:00	3	4 PIT 7:00	5	6	7 BUF 10:00 AM
8 NJ 2:00	9	10 CBJ 4:00	11	12 OTT 4:30	13	14 TOR 4:00
15	16 MTL 4:30	17	18 WPG 4:30	19	20	21 CHI 7:00
22 NJ 7:00	23	24	25 MIN 4:00	26	27 DAL 5:30	28
29	30 ANA 7:00					

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 LA 7:30	2	3 DAL 7:00	4	5 BOS 7:00
6	7 BUF 7:00	8	9 NYR 7:00	10	11	12
13 CHI 4:00	14	15 MIN 5:00	16	17 PHI 4:00	18 DET 4:30	19
20 FLA 1:00	21	22 TB 4:30	23	24	25	26 EDM 7:00
27	28 LA 7:00	29	30	31		

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 ANA 7:00	2
3	4 ARI 7:00	5	6 CAR 7:00	7	8	9 TB 7:00
10	11 FLA 7:00	12	13	14 WSH 4:00	15 CAR 4:00	16
17 NYI 1:00	18	19 NYR 4:00	20	21 BOS 4:00	22	23 PIT 9:30 AM
24	25	26 NSH 7:00	27	28	29	30
31						

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 CBJ 7:00	5	6 CGY 7:00
7	8	9 COL 6:00	10 ARI 6:30	11	12	13 TOR 4:00
14	15 MIN 7:00	16	17	18 ANA 7:00	19 CGY 6:00	20
21 COL 7:00	22	23	24	25 OTT 7:00	26	27
28 SJ 4:00	29					

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 NYI 7:00	2	3 SJ 7:00	4	5 SJ 7:00
6	7 LA 7:30	8	9 ARI 7:00	10	11	12 NSH 7:00
13	14 WPG 7:00	15	16 COL 7:00	17	18 EDM 6:00	19 STL 7:00
20	21	22 WPG 5:00	23	24 NSH 5:00	25 STL 5:00	26
27 CHI 5:00	28	29 SJ 7:00	30	31 SJ 7:30		

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 ANA 7:00	2
3	4 LA 7:00	5	6 EDM 7:00	7 CGY 6:00	8	9 EDM 7:00
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

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